

Spring Arrived Sunday Afternoon the Signs were Everywhere

MICHAEL AND ANDREW MACDONALD poke at the last traces of ice and help them on their way down the unusually placid Credit River through Glen Williams on the first day of spring. It arrived officially on Sunday afternoon.

SKIPPING ROPES which rank with robins and crocuses as heralds for the green-up season were very much in evidence in school yards Friday.

THE CALENDAR GOT COOPERATION FROM the weatherman who provided the first weekend balmy enough for a fellow to catch forty winks on a Georgetown park bench. The Herald photographer found one sign of spring in more abundance than any other — pot holes.

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Road Impassable, 3 Homes Isolated in No-Man's-Land

Three men, Bob Bruce, Jacob Kuiken, and Gerry Carrier seem to live in No-Man's-Land, with Esquesing saying it is not their road, that it is a private road, and the men contending if it is a private road can they take it over as their property. The matter came to light at a meeting of Esquesing Township Council Monday night.

The three men, all residents of "A road or a right of way" on the fourth line just north of highway number 7 told Esquesing Council that the road was impassable, with no deliveries having been made for three weeks.

Reeve George Leslie pointed out that the road was never taken over by the township.

"You knew the township had not taken it over when you bought", stated the Reeve.

"You couldn't get a building permit there today," interjected Coun. George Currie.

"The point is we are there, and a council in the past must have given permission since we all had building permits," stated Mr. Bruce, "I feel you have some responsibility, you are taking our taxes."

G. Carrier pointed out that no fire truck or ambulance could get in, "and we're still paying for fire protection." He also claimed the insurance companies who had the fire insurance on their homes, planned to investigate.

Reeve Leslie explained that any work done on the road would receive no subsidy.

"Whose land is it then?" demanded Coun. Tom Hill.

Clerk K.C. Lindsay stated that as far as he knew the land still belonged to Mr. Coles, who sold the lots to the three men in the first place.

"When Mr. Coles started to sell lots of all different depths," said the Reeve, "we decided to bring in a by-law restricting the sale of land."

"When I bought nine years ago," retorted J. Kuiken, "there were no restrictions."

"Why did the township want a 66' road allowance before we could build, if nobody was go-

ing to do anything about it," asked J. Carrier.

In reply Clerk K.C. Lindsay explained that Acton has asked that a proposed extension of Peel Street not be blocked.

"So the council of that time went along," replied R. Bruce, "this shows some responsibility on the part of the township."

"I feel they have a right," admitted Coun. Tom Hill, "if we take something from somebody, they expect something in return. We have to find out who owns the road, and if it is a road."

"If you find it belongs to Mr. Coles, you'll have to go after him," added Coun. Pat Patterson.

"Maybe so," retorted J. Kuik-

en, "but somebody else is taking our taxes now." He added that Mr. Coles was still trying to sell lots, "if you don't plan to do anything he should be stopped," he concluded.

"Mr. Carrier was issued a building permit only a year and a half ago," stated Coun. Tom Hill, "if the township building inspector issued it, and we took his money where does that leave us, why was that allowed when there is no road?"

At the suggestion of both Coun. Pat Patterson and George Currie, the men will bring the deeds of their property to the clerk, to try and find out if it is a road, or simply an easement. After that the matter will have to be pursued further.

Lambert to Stirling As High School Principal

J. Leonard Lambert, who retired last year after thirty years as principal of Georgetown District High School, is returning to his profession in September.

He has accepted a position as principal of Stirling-Rawdon District High School in Stirling, Mrs. Lambert, who has also been a member of the GDHS staff, will also teach in Stirling.

Mr. Lambert is presently completing a year of post-graduate studies in English at his alma mater, McMaster University. He taught three years in Mimico before succeeding the late Ralph Ross here as principal and was the youngest man in

the province to hold that office at the time.

Mrs. Lambert, also a McMaster graduate, taught for a year at Richmond Hill before her marriage, and returned to the profession here several years ago. She has been head of the school's library department.

Mr. & Mrs. Lambert have been active in town affairs. They have lent their talents to drama and musical organizations, service clubs, and women's service groups. Mr. Lambert has been chairman of the library board and was director of the choir of St. George's Anglican Church. He served as a captain with the Lorne Scots overseas during World War 2.

Esquesing Okays Tax Agreement for Apts.

Two of the few remaining hurdles to the Georgetown Kinsmen's senior citizen's apartment project were overcome at Esquesing Council, Monday night, when Council authorized the Reeve and Clerk to sign an agreement with Georgetown regarding possible welfare responsibilities and an agreement on rebate of taxes.

Esquesing okayed the erection of the eleven suite building on land opposite Park. School, which is owned by Georgetown but is in the township of Esquesing. It was this unusual land ownership which necessitated the agreement on welfare. In this way tenants occupying the apartments will not establish residence in Esquesing, as far as welfare purposes are concerned, simply by living there. Georgetown has agreed to be responsible for other than tenants who resided in Esquesing before moving there.

The second agreement limits the taxes to a maximum of \$25 per year per unit, or \$275 per apartment building.

Dean Taylor, representative of the Kinsmen Club, thanked

Mr. M. Zamikoff of Morris and Son Construction requested Esquesing-Council's help in negotiating with the town of Georgetown for sewer and water connections to his proposed subdivision at the fifteenth side-road and the eighth line.

Coun. George Currie stated "we can't do that, we can't negotiate for a private individual."

"You bring us an agreement stating that you can get water and sewers from Georgetown, then we'll know where we stand," added Reeve Leslie.

"Why should we pay fire calls for cars that burn on our roads or highways," asked Reeve Leslie as they looked over the fire call accounts, "Surely the insurance companies should pay for this," he added.

"It seems to me the Fire departments are not tough enough they should bill the car owners," commented Coun. Currie.

Oldest Citizen Still Confined 100 on April 1st

There is still a possibility that Georgetown's oldest citizen, will be out of the hospital in time to mark his 100th birthday at home on April 1st.

Joe Martin, 9 Union St., suffered a broken hip in a fall January 21 and has been recuperating in Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital since then.

A member of his family told the Herald this week that it's possible Mr. Martin will be home to celebrate his century, but it's up to Dr. J.H. Chamberlain under whose care Mr. Martin has made his remarkable recovery.

Mr. Martin is able to sit up most of the day and has been walking without assistance of late.

"He mentioned last Tuesday night that he felt better than he ever had since the accident," a daughter Mrs. George Glassford told the Herald.

No Industrial Commission Town Takes Over Funds

Council gave no indication that new appointments to the Industrial Commission are forthcoming on Monday when the commission bank account was transferred to a town trust fund.

Cr. Era Hyde explained that, with no commission, outstanding bills cannot be paid. Last year's members, reappointed last month, resigned in a group in a dispute involving hiring council members also sit on the commission.

Cr. Hyde said there is \$814 in the bank account and about \$250 in accounts to pay.

"Does this mean we're not going to have an industrial commission and if so, why?" asked Deputy Reeve Young.

"At the moment we haven't got one and this is the only way we can pay the bills," said Cr. Hyde. "If another commis-

sion is appointed, and I'm not opposed to that, the money will be available to them."

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Police Squash Post-Game Melee After Raiders Robbed

over before the puck entered their net.

They found support in one of the referees, Roger Freeborne, but his cohort, Ed Denome, maintained the goal was valid. So did the official time keeper.

For a few seconds both Milton Merchants and Georgetown Raider players were leaping in jubilation as each got their own version from different referees. When Freeborne declared it a Milton win, incensed, Raider coach Gerry Inglis charged the officials box to protest the decision but he didn't make it unscathed.

A berserk Milton fan intercepted the Georgetown mentor and landed a punch to the side of his head. The action touched off a pushing and shoving dis-

TOWN STAYED HEALTHY THROUGH AN EASY WINTER

L. Whan Resigns Baptist Pastorate To Be Reformatory Chaplain

Minister of Georgetown's First Baptist Church for the past seven and a half years, Rev. Lloyd Whan B.A. B.D. announced to his congregation Sunday that he has accepted a position with the Ontario Department of Reform Institutions as chaplain at Millbrook, a maximum security prison south of Peterboro.

Mr. Whan will continue to preach here until mid-April when he will go to Millbrook for two weeks to familiarize himself with his new surroundings. At the end of two weeks he will commence a twelve week clinical pastoral education course to qualify as an Ontario Department of Reform Institutions chaplain.



REV. LLOYD WHAN

Mr. Whan will take the course at the Ontario Training Centre, Brampton.

His new position will involve counselling the Millbrook prisoners as well as conducting Sunday worship.

One of the senior members of the Georgetown ministerial association, Mr. Whan came here from Norwich to replace Rev. Alfred Barker. He gained his secondary school education at Waterloo High School and achieved his degrees at McMaster University.

Mr. Whan has been actively engaged in the work of YM-YWCA since its inception here, and has always taken a great interest in minor sports.

The Baptist minister, his wife Pearl, and children Marion 16, Allan 15, and Grant 11, will move to Peterboro after the current school term.

Think of Future Seek More Water

Georgetown should be investigating further sources of water supply, Mayor Gibbons told council Monday.

He said he has been told that ground conditions have something to do with the iron bacteria which plagues the town supply, and said other areas of town should be explored for possible new wells.

Water chairman Arthur Speight was asked to handle the matter.

Town Drops Purchase Right To Highway Industrial Acres

When the town purchased an industrial acreage from Delrex Developments last year, as part of an agreement which released residential land in the subdivision for building, the town also received a "first right" to purchase on 70 acres of highway frontage.

With purchase of the Delrex interests by Metropolitan Hall-on Development Co. the purchase right was assumed by the new owner.

Monday, council acceded to a request by the firm that this be dropped.

According to town solicitor Fred Helson, it didn't mean much anyway to the town.

He explained that the town could only buy the land if the firm first decided to sell it. The stipulation was that it would have a ceiling price of \$5000 an acre.

Queried by Cr. Harrison, Mr.

The winter season which just bowed out Sunday, was easier on Georgetown area residents than the normal winter according to figures from the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital.

Statistics on the hospital's operation in February, released this week, show the percentage of occupancy in February, much lower than the percentage of occupancy in February of the previous year. A check with three hospitals in the area reveal the identical situation — abnormally lower percentage of occupancy due in the estimation of hospital officials to better winter weather.

The Georgetown hospital statistical report stated that there has apparently been less illness in the community, and that the weather has been much more favorable for people with such recurring chronic sickness as bronchitis, and asthma, and there has been less pneumonia.

The percentage of beds in Georgetown hospital during February averaged 68.7 compared to 80.3 in February of 1965.

Other statistics for February of note are, 29 births, 1 death, 12 major operations, and 122 emergency visits.

Held Ticket On Sweeps Horse

"Whispering Budy," the horse on which two Smith and Stone employees Fred Dickenson and Don Cudney held a joint Irish Sweepstakes tickets out of the money in the Lincolnshire steeple chase which was run yesterday. The sweepstakes were switched from the Grand National to the Lincolnshire. A story on-page five written before the switch says the sweepstakes are on the Grand National.

When we made the deal with Delrex this was put in the agreement to peg the highway frontage at \$5000 an acre for five years," he said. "I understood that if we sold land to an industry on the south side of Todd Rd. and it wanted to expand towards the highway, we could guarantee them this extra land at the \$5000 price."

Cr. Ballentine said he was also under impression that the town could buy at this price.

"The land is being advertised on signboards and in newspapers," he said. "Wouldn't this put us in a position to buy if we wanted to?"

"Mr. Young says we have the right to buy and our solicitor says we haven't," said Cr. Hyde. "Maybe Young's committee thought this was so last year, but it boils down to the fact that the only right we have is to queer a deal which the owner might make, without reaping any advantage for the town."

With Young and Ballentine voting against, two readings of a by-law to release the town's interest in the property carried. Final reading was delayed a week at the deputy Reeve's request. Reeve Hunter's vote was not recorded as he was absent from the meeting.

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Georgetown actually scored two goals that were washed out. The one by Bill Dwyer at 19:59 and another earlier in the period which was killed by a quick whistle.

Game four will go in Milton's Brown Street arena Friday night, and if a fifth game is required it will be back here on Sunday afternoon.

Milton had a 1-0 lead after just 15 seconds on Leon Stick-